



8th Grade American History Syllabus

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Class Description: 8th Grade US History is designed as a survey course through American History.

This course will focus on the period of American History from the discovery of North America through Reconstruction (after the Civil War). Students taking this course will attain a mastery of US History with special focus on the geography, economics, political and historical perspectives throughout the 1400's – late 1800's.

How to succeed in this class:

1. Positive Attitude / Open Mind
2. Maintain Good Attendance and Be involved in your learning
3. Take detailed notes
4. **Ask Questions** –this promotes discussion
5. **Stay Organized**
6. Study for quizzes and test

Classroom Grading:
80% (Projects/Tests)
20% (Homework/Classwork, Quizzes)

Grading Practices & Scale:

Second chances will ONLY be offered for Unit Tests, and only if the student follows certain guidelines. The student has up to 5 school days after receiving the first test back to complete:

- ALL classwork/homework MUST have been completed. **No Missing Work Marks!**
- An intervention with the teacher (format may differ according to unit)
- Schedule a time to retake the unit test on the student's own time.

The following grading scale has been established to determine the student's nine weeks grade on all quizzes, tests, projects, final grades, etc.

A = 100-90% B = 89-80% C = 79-70% D = 69-60% F = 59-0%

Classroom Rules:

- We will follow all school rules, but common sense is the main guideline in this class.

✓ The most important rule is: **RESPECT**

1. **Respect yourself!**
2. **Respect your peers!**
3. **Respect classroom guests & all adults present in the classroom!**
4. **Respect the environment we all learn in!**

Supplies Needed:

- **FULLY CHARGED Chromebook**
- **1- College Ruled Notebook 70 count or higher (Notes) GRADED**
- **1- Folder with Pockets GRADED**
- **Pen or Pencil** (Highlighters are also highly recommended, but not required)
- **Color Pencils or Markers** (not required, but recommended)

Textbook/Workbook: Your textbook for this class will stay in the classroom. Students will have the availability to access the digital textbook contents through the HMH portal; which will be explained in class.

Technology: Make sure your Chromebooks are fully charged BEFORE the school day begins. The majority of assignments will be given through Google Classroom. Regular problems with uncharged devices may result in consequences as our classroom does not have enough outlets to charge student devices. Please remember, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY for the safety of your devices. Abusing the privileges of using such devices will not be tolerated.

Homework/Classwork

Homework will be collected the day after it was assigned, unless otherwise noted. If homework or classwork is not completed by the due date, it will earn 0 credit.

Asking to leave after the bell:

After the bell rings, you are staying in the room. There will be NO visits to the locker, counselor or bathroom passes issued (unless it is an absolute emergency). When you leave during class, you miss important information.

Finding assignments when absent:

If you were absent, it is YOUR responsibility to find your missing work. You can locate any classroom handouts in the absent folder located in our classroom, in addition to Google Classroom. If you are absent on the day of a test/quiz, you WILL be held responsible to make up that test/quiz the day you return.

Student/Teacher Communication: Students can email Mr.Ortopan cf_ortopan@cftigers.org any time that is appropriate and not distracting from other school instruction. In addition, students are welcome to visit my classroom before/after class, and schedule a meeting for Academy. *Please refrain from visiting my classroom when I'm instructing other students/classes.*

Parent/Teacher Communication: Parents can email Mr.Ortopan cf_ortopan@cftigers.org any time. In addition, this year the school will be using Parent Square.

How to get support if you are struggling with class.

The first step is to contact me through email. Due to the time limits of class and availability of privacy, please email me right away if you are struggling with class. cf_ortopan@cftigers.org